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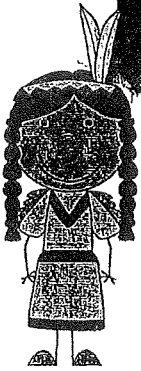
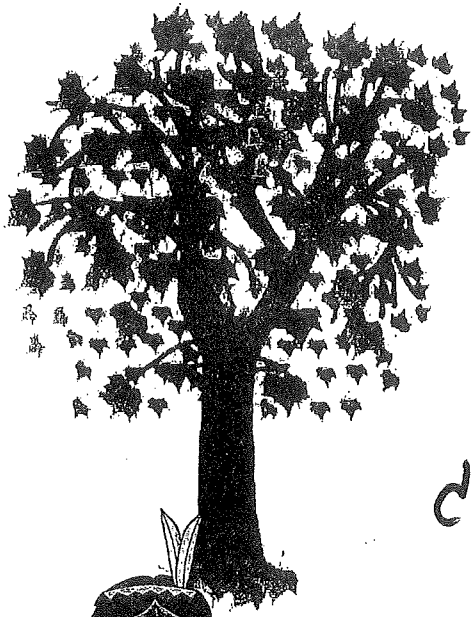
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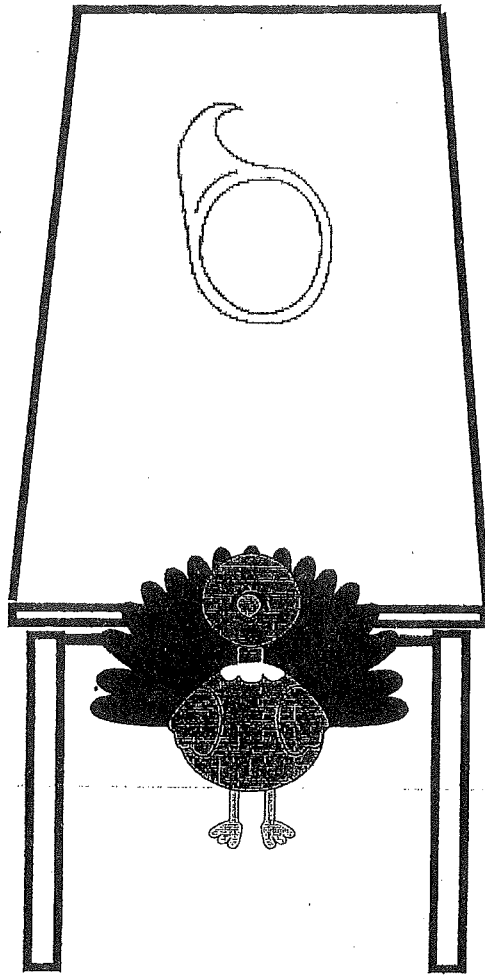
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Create a holiday spread and
list the foods in Spanish.



¿Qué hay en la mesa?



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Thanksgiving Vocabulary

Words for the Holiday

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There may be no more pleasant place to practice your Spanish than with friends and relatives. So if you're living in the United States, prepare to do just that at your next Thanksgiving dinner with this selection of Spanish vocabulary for the holiday.

Keep in mind, though, that names of foods don't necessarily translate well, or might not be understood in Spanish-speaking countries, due to cultural differences. For example, the various words that can be translated as "pie" include *pastel*, *tarta*, *empanada*, and even *pay*. All of those words except the last also refer to other types of desserts, and it might take an explanation or picture to make the meaning clear to someone not familiar with the food being talked about. The flip side of that, as an example, is that while the word *relleno* would normally be used to refer to turkey stuffing, the same word can be used for just about any type of food filling. Someone unfamiliar with U.S. holiday cuisine may not know specifically what the word refers to without an explanation.

agradecido (por) — thankful (for)

el arándano rojo — cranberry

el budín, el pudín — pudding

la cazuela — casserole

la cena — dinner

comer — to eat

la cucurbitácea o la calabaza — squash (the same Spanish terms also are used for other related plants)

el Día de Acción de Gracias — Thanksgiving

la familia — family

el fútbol americano — football (not soccer)

la festividad de la cosecha — harvest festival

gluglú gluglú — gobble gobble (turkey sound)

las gracias — thanks

el indio, la india, el/la indígena americano/a — American Indian, native American

el maíz — corn

la mazorca de maíz — corn on the cob

el noviembre — November

el ñame — yam

el otoño — autumn, fall

el pavo — turkey

el panecillo — dinner roll

los parientes — relatives
el pastel (o la tarta) de calabaza — pumpkin pie
el peregrino — pilgrim
el puré de patatas — mashed potatoes
el relleno — stuffing, turkey dressing
la salsa de carne — gravy
las sobras, los restos — leftovers
las verduras — vegetables

Vocabulary notes:

el pavo, la pava: In Spanish, it is sometimes possible to distinguish between the male and female animal by using the masculine and feminine forms of the word. Thus a female turkey is *una pava*. Some other animal names follow a similar pattern: *Una mona* is a female monkey, *una polla* is a young hen (and also an off-color word with a different meaning), and *una puerca* is a sow. But don't assume that any feminine animal name refers to the feminine of the species. For example, *una jirafa* is a giraffe regardless of its sex.

Ñame: The word for "yam" is one of the few in Spanish to start with the ñ. Among the more common ones are *ñoño* (insipid or dull) and words derived from it, *ñora* (red pepper), and *ñu* (gnu).

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